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DOVER POINT GIRLS IN EARTHQUAKE TERRITORY

Flora And Josephine Fernald Believed To Have Been In Taormina

Misses Flora and Josephine Fernald from Dover Point are believed by their relatives to be among the victims of the earthquake disaster in Sicily.

They have both been staying in the stricken city of Taormina, which lies a few miles east by south of Messina, and is the greatest summer resort in the island of Sicily.

The young women went to Italy last May, and while Miss Josephine Fernald left her sister at Taormina to go to Florence, where she is studying art, not having heard from her since Christmas, it is thought she returned to Taormina to be with her friends after the New Year's holidays.

Taormina city is situated on the side of an eminence overlooking the sea, and which rises abruptly 3500 feet. The city is near the base of

the slope 300 feet above the sea level and is only a few miles distant from Mount Etna, which is reported to be active. Reports from near points to the mountain contain the news that steam clouds, which preface a flow of lava, have been issuing from the crater of the massive volcanic mountain.

Communication from Taormina is cut off, but it is known that the city is in ruins from the earthquake shocks. The streets are narrow and the highwalled buildings falling on every side have filled the avenues with debris.

Charles P. Fernald of Medford, Mass., brother of the two girls, states that because of the holiday season, without doubt his sisters were together at Taormina, where Miss Flora Fernald has a villa. Miss Florence Fernald was located tem-

porarily at Florence while pursuing her art studies. They have been staying at villa A Prima Crest.

The Misses Fernald are daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fernald of Dover Point. Their father was employed at the navy yard many years. The family has been in Massachusetts some years but many relatives are living in this vicinity.

W. WRIGHT FLEW FIFTY-EIGHT MILES

Latest And Greatest Triumph By The American Aeroplanist

Paris, Dec. 31.—Wilbur Wright made another astonishing flight today in his aeroplanes, sweeping in a great circle at a high altitude for an hour and fifty-three minutes and covering fifty-eight miles.

All France is astonished.

DANCING PARTY AND BALL GAME

The Moulders Athletic Club will conduct a dancing assembly and basketball game at Grange Hall, Kittery, on Friday afternoon.

A happy and prosperous new year to each and everyone of the Herald readers.

KITTERY LETTER

Inventory At The Public Library

A Boy Born In The Howells Family

Academy Boys Daily Practise At Basketball

Clark Wyman Goes To Florida On New Year's Day

Kittery, Me., Dec. 31. Mr. Elmer Manent of Lynn, Mass., has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Manent of Echo street.

For all of the latest local news under the Herald delivered at your house for three months for one dollar.

Mr. Curtis Foss is confined to his home in Eliot with an attack of neuritis.

St. Aspidochelone of Red Men will meet in Grange Hall on Friday evening.

Mr. Willis Grace is enjoying a vacation from his duties with the Atlantic Shute Line railway.

Gladys and Donald Johnson are guests today of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Woodard of North Kittery.

Mr. Waldo W. Ladd has given up his position with the gipsy man crew, which he has held for many months.

Miss Ida Blaisdell bookkeeper for Mr. Clarence M. Prince, is again confined to her home in Portsmouth by illness.

Mr. George D. Boulter is putting out a very handsome calendar for next year.

Ray Packard of Munson avenue is once more able to be at his work on the navy yard after his illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Prescott of Jones avenue spent Sunday in Boston.

The boys' basketball team of Trapp Academy is putting in some strenuous practice each afternoon in the old Armory on Echo street.

Mrs. H. Etta Macy, mother of Rev. E. H. Macy, lies critically ill at her home on Government street and her condition causes her family and friends much alarm.

Mrs. Mary Priest of South Framingham, Mass., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Leslie Williams of Love Lane.

A leap year dance is to given this evening in Frisbee's Hall at the Point, at which a number from this part of the town will attend.

A treat is expected at the five o'clock Sunday eve. service in the Second Methodist church when the Unitarian quarter of Portsmouth, one of the best in New Hampshire, assists in the music. The members of the quarter are Mrs. William T. Gray soprano, Mrs. Oliver Priest alto,

Ralph Parker tenor, Charles W. Gray bass.

The following are two uncalled for letters advertised at the postoffice: G. E. Cook and Miss M. V. Redd. Mrs. Calvin Getchell of Walker street is confined to her home by illness.

Rev. Edward H. Macy was a visitor in Portsmouth yesterday on business.

Mrs. Landa Ladd is the guest of her son, Waldo W. Ladd of Government street.

All those who have books out that belong to the free public library will please be kind enough to bring them in at once as it is delaying the work of the inventory.

This evening in Wentworth Hall a social dance will be given by the sophomore class of Trapp Academy.

Kittery Point

Clark A. Wyman will leave New York on Jan. 1 by steamer for St. Augustine, Fla. He will clerk at the Ponce de Leon Hotel the rest of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mead Howells of New York, summer residents of this town, are receiving congratulations over the birth of a son, William White Howells. Mr. Howells is the only son of the novelist, William Dean Howells, and his wife was Miss Abigail White, daughter of Horace White, owner of the New York Evening Post.

The Belfast Journal of Dec. 24 reprints the paragraph which recently appeared in these columns concerning the long suffering life of Capt. Zachariah Williams.

The schooner Magnus Manson is on the way from Norfolk to this port.

The funeral of William Rossiter, who died on Tuesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Randall, was held this forenoon at St. Mary's Roman Catholic church in Dover, N. H.

Mr. Rossiter's body was taken to his former home city on Wednesday afternoon.

OUR SHIPS FOR SICILY To Be Ordered From Suez

Washington, Dec. 31.—The American battleship fleet, now between four and five days distant from the stricken city of Messina, may be hurried forward to be relief of the sufferers from the earthquake. Admiral Sperry's ships are due at the Suez, the Mediterranean end of the canal Sunday. At top speed they could reach Sicily three days later.

Admiral Sperry's ships carry a big supply of oil and disinfectants, as well as thousands of disinfected men, who could be sent ashore to do the work which demoralized Sicilians and Italians could not do.

BE IT RESOLVED

That you will cling to the water wagon with all your strength—

That you will use the snow shovel on your sidewalk once in a while during the rest of the winter.

That the Boston and Maine railroad will start the new depot and river bridge—

That the \$50,000 for a new city hall will come to pass—

That the Audubon Club will go out of business—

That Charley Aray will land the place of sealer of weights and measures—

That the quick hitch crew and the gang at the Hanover street fire station will bury the hatchet—

That the Publishers' Paper Company will open up with 1000 hands—

That no junk dealers be allowed to bid on one of the fire department engines for junk—

That Col. Edward Studley gets many more Christmas trees.

That the tax rate for 1909 will come down as promised—

MEDALS ARE PRESENTED TO GALLANT MARINES

Men Who Served In Philippines, Cuba And China Honored At Navy Yard

Today at noon several members of the marine guard at the navy yard barracks lined up and were presented with handsome medals and campaign buttons as a recognition of their services in the Spanish-American war and in the Philippine and Chinese campaigns.

The medals were ordered by an act of Congress and were presented by Captain Thomas F. Lyons, U. S. M. C., and received on behalf of the men by Captain W. H. Parker, commanding the post. The men who have thus been honored are known to have a good record as soldiers in time of peace or when called to the front.

From War With Spain The list includes the following serving in the Spanish-American war, receiving Spanish campaign medals.

Capt. Thomas F. Lyons, First Sergeant Barney Sullivan, Quartermaster Sergeant John T. Funder.

Sergeant William Woodsum, Sergeant Frederick Lee, Sergeant Thomas Flinn, Sergeant Harry F. Agnew, Private Patrick J. Donohue, Sergeant Daniel O'Brien.

For Service in Philippines The Philippine medals were awarded to the following:

Captain W. H. Parker, Captain Thomas F. Lyons, Quartermaster Sergeant John G. Funder, Sergeant Frank Stewart, Sergeant Daniel O'Brien, Corporal Harry M. Raymond, Corporal George A. Izatt, Private George J. Penny, Private George Traverly.

For the March to Pekin Those who got the Chinese campaign souvenirs were:

Quartermaster Sergeant John G. Funder, Sergeant Daniel O'Brien, Sergeant Frank Stewart, Private George Traverly.

NAVY YARD MEN TO HELP ITALY

Funds Started For Aid Of Inhabitants Of That Sore Stricken Land

The officials at the Portsmouth navy yard and on the ships have taken up the matter of aiding the earthquake sufferers in Italy.

Today Captain Clifford J. Bouch, who has charge of the fund, circulated a petition and a generous response was the result among the station officials and those of the gun-

boats Marietta and Pauline, also the prison ships Topaka and Southery.

It is rumored that a fund for the same cause will later follow among the working force at the yard but up to today there is nothing to indicate such a move being made, for the present at least.

EVENTS OF ELIOT

Fifty-Seventh Wedding Anniversary

The Rain Did Not Relieve The Water Famine

The Winter Term In The Eliot Public Schools

Eliot, Me., Dec. 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kennard of Eliot today observe the fifty-seventh anniversary of their wedding and their family and friends have prepared to make it an occasion to be remembered by the old folks.

They will observe the anniversary in the house at Kennard's corner, in which they have resided all of their married life.

Mr. Kennard is a direct descendant of Daniel Fogg, who settled in Eliot about 1610. He was born in Eliot Sept. 11, 1825, and was the son of Nathaniel and Marion Kennard. He was educated at the town schools and since that time has followed farming, an occupation that even now despite his 82 years he is very active in. This past summer he worked in the hay field and carried on the work of the big farm with several men and every day wants to do a full day's work. He has never used any intoxicating liquors or used tobacco in any form, and with the exception that he has to use glasses when reading, he claims to be just as good as ever.

While attending the Eliot Academy he met his wife, Ellen A. Tobey, the daughter of Captain James and Jane

Tobey, and on Dec. 31, 1851, they were married in Newburyport by Elder Pike. They returned to Eliot and have here since resided. Mrs. Kennard is but two years the junior of her husband, and while rather hard of hearing is still a remarkably bright and active woman, who daily does all of the cooking for a gathering of twelve people who stay at the old homestead.

Three sons have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kennard, two of whom are still living. They are George H. of Somerville, a conductor on the Eastern division of the Boston and Maine railroad, and John E., who resides with the parents at home.

The rain of Wednesday night has not affected the wells which have gone dry. The moisture did not penetrate through the frozen surface of the ground. The sleighing is gone but there is much smooth ice in the roads.

The Women's Circle of the Advent Christian church meets this afternoon with Mrs. Albert Hurst at South Eliot.

The Juvenile Temperance League's invitation Christmas party given by the Eliot Woman's Christian Temperance Union occurs this evening at James W. Bartlett's near Rosemary station. Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens is to be there.

Only an occasional lobster is taken in the river at this season, but inland Cods get a twelve-pounder on Wednesday.

The school at No. 6 began last week. Sessions were resumed this week at the High school and No. 7 with the same teachers as last term. The other town schools will reopen next Monday with no change of instructors.

William Cole of South Eliot is improving steadily. Three weeks ago his condition was regarded as critical.

The owners of dry wells saw some hopes of a relief in the rain of last night.

Geo. B. French Co

DRAPERY, UPHOLSTERY AND CURTAIN MATERIALS

Fancy Cretonnes, light and dark floral designs, stripes and figures 10, 12 1-2, 19c yd
Fine Cretonnes, beautiful colorings, suitable for draperies, pillows, laundry bags, boxes, etc., at 25, 29, 42, 75c and 1.00 yd
New Silklines, all colors, yard wide, at 12 1-2c yd
Hungarian Cloths 25c yd
Milan Romaine Cloth, for drapery and upholstery 33c yd
Plain Norman Cloths, all colors 33c yd
Plain Denims, red, green, blue, pink, yellow 25c yd
Spotted and Figured Curtain Muslin 8, 10, 12 1-2, 15, 25, 33c yd
Cream Figured Madras 29, 33, 42, 50c yd
Colored Madras, stripes and leaded glass effects 67, 87c, 1.00 yd
Drapery Silks, new designs 59c yd
Printed Plushes for upholstery work, 27 in. wide 50, 62c yd
Plain Repp, 56 in. wide 50c yd

HOSIERY

Women's Hose, Wayne knit, real Maco yarn, medium weight, fast black, extra good value for 25c pair
Women's Hose, fast black, flare top, heavy hile, at 37 1-2c
Women's medium weight, fast black, white foot, double soles and spliced heels, 25c
Women's Embroidered Hose, medium weight, hile and cotton, fast black, large variety of patterns. 50c
Women's Hose in heavy hile or medium cotton, guaranteed fast black, double soles, high spliced heels and toes, 3 pairs for 1.00
Children's heavy cotton ribbed hose, in two qualities 12 1-2, 25c pr

COMFORTABLES

Print Comfortables, all colors, full size \$2.00
Print Comfortables, choice patterns, filled with good cotton, full size \$1.12, \$1.25
Silkoline Covered Comfortables, light or heavy weight, pretty coverings \$1.50
Silkoline Covered Comfortables, filled with nice soft cotton, all colors, full size \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25
Down Puffs, satine covered \$4.75 to \$6.50 ea

DOMESTICS

Outing Flannels—the largest assortment can be found here, all colors, stripes, checks, plaids and large line of dark colors, at 10c yd
Domest Flannels, bleached and unbleached, 5, 8, 10, 12 1-2c yd
Skaker Flannel, all wool and shrunk 50c yd
White Wool Flannels 25, 29, 37 1-2, 45, to 75c yd
Red Twill Flannels 25, 37 1-2, 50 to 69c yd
Gray Twill Skirting Flannels 25, 35, 45c yd
Madras Waistings, stripes and checks 12 1-2, 15c yd

Ladies' Home Journal Patterns

Geo. B. French Co

"FOXY GRANDPA" says

He burns an

ELECTRIC

PORCH LIGHT,

so he can find the key hole.

AMERICANS IN SHAKEN ZONE

Many Anxious Inquiries In Regard to Their Fate

NINETY IN MESSINA HOTEL

Structure Was Destroyed, but It Is Known That Some of Guests Escaped—State Department Will Keep In Close Touch With Situation and Promptly Make Public Any Information It May Receive

Washington, Dec. 31.—Ninety Americans in a Messina hotel that was destroyed, and Italians and Americans co-operating in the quest for information regarding the missing, are reported upon in a cablegram to the state department received from Ambassador Griscom at Rome.

The ambassador cabled that he has received no word from the American consuls at Messina and Palermo. He has asked the foreign office for information and that office, he adds, will use every effort through army and navy officers to obtain immediate news. The British consul at Messina is reported injured and his wife and children are dead.

The ambassador says it is reported that ninety Americans were in the Trinacria hotel at Messina, which is said to be totally destroyed. It is known, however, that some of the guests escaped.

The foreign office reported that several foreign nations are hurrying warships to the scene to offer assistance. The ambassador has dispatched consular officers in the quest for information.

Every effort is being made by the state department to obtain news of American citizens who were in the earthquake zone in Italy, and whose fate has caused their friends much uneasiness and an appeal to the department to help locate them.

Ambassador Griscom was directed to cable promptly any information obtainable regarding the missing persons and to sound some of the American vice-consuls in Italy to the scene of distress to render whatever aid is possible. Efforts are also being made to keep in communication with Deputy Consul Lupton at Messina, to the end that prompt advice may reach here regarding any Americans in trouble there.

The state department will make public promptly to the press any information received from its officials in Italy, so that news from there will reach those immediately interested at the first possible moment. The department's information is that the winter tourist season has not yet fully begun in Sicily.

The impression among officials is that those Americans who were in the earthquake zone in that island were mainly at Taormina. Many inquiries have come to the department regarding friends believed to be in the earthquake region.

Boston's Generous Response
Boston, Dec. 31.—At the close of business last evening it was announced that the general subscriptions being received by Lee, Higginson & Co., for the earthquake sufferers had reached a total of nearly \$10,000.

Italians from various settlements of eastern Massachusetts held a mass meeting last night to complete plans for a formal canvass of the Italian colonies of the state to secure further funds to send to Italy and Sicily. The committee having in charge the Massachusetts Italian relief fund will send a man to Italy on the first vessel sailing, to see that the contributions are carefully and worthily disposed of.

This plan was decided upon late last evening after a consultation as to the best means of securing the public against any misuse of its funds contributed for the suffering ones of Italy.

THE LICK BRANCH DISASTER

Number of Dead From Explosion May Reach Seventy

Roads, Va., Dec. 31.—The latest news received here from the Lick Branch coal mine disaster is to the effect that twenty-two dead bodies have been removed. Eighteen miners have crawled out unharmed, and five others have been brought out alive by rescuing parties.

It is now believed that from thirty-five to fifty men remain in the mine and there is no hope entertained that any of them are alive.

"Drys" Win a Bitter Fight
Roanoke, Va., Dec. 31.—In a local option election here the "drys" won by a majority of eighty-six votes. The effect of the election will be the closing within ninety days of forty-two saloons and six mail order liquor houses. The fight has been one of the bitterest ever waged in Virginia.

Steamer Ashore
Nassau, N. P., Dec. 31.—Steamer Dahomey ran ashore at Elbow Cay and was badly damaged. The steamer was backed into deep water, but was later beached at this port to prevent her sinking.

WILLIAM MATHUES DEAD

Former State Treasurer Had Prison Sentence Hanging Over Him
Media, Pa., Dec. 31.—William L. Mathues, former state treasurer of Pennsylvania, died suddenly at his home here, aged 46 years.

The cause of death was given by his physicians as pneumonia, but it is generally believed that this illness was superinduced by Mathues' tribulations which were brought upon him by the Harrisingh capitol graft cases, and his recent sentence of two years in the penitentiary for his part in the alleged conspiracy against the state.

For many years Mathues was recognized as one of the political leaders of Pennsylvania and his power in Delaware county politics was supreme until the exposure of the capitol feuds by his successor as state treasurer, William H. Berry.

Pending an appeal to the superior court Mathues and three others who were sentenced at the same time last March were released on \$25,000 bail each.

UNHAPPY DOMESTIC LIFE

Revealed by Testimony in Trial of Mrs. Erb and Her Sister

Media, Pa., Dec. 31.—In the trial of Mrs. Florence Erb and her sister, Mrs. Catherine Belsel, for the murder of Captain Erb, the testimony of Wednesday is considered by the defense's lawyers as materially strengthening their cause. It tended, they say, to sustain the contention that Mrs. Belsel, as she maintained from the first, fired the fatal shot. The testimony in no manner associated Mrs. Erb with having done the shooting.

Quarrels and fights at "Red Gables," long preceding the tragedy, were described by the servants, and witnesses testified that Mrs. Erb had confessed that her husband once threw her down stairs, breaking several ribs. That she feared her husband and always slept with a revolver under her pillow, once with a servant in the room to protect her, was also admitted in evidence.

EXCHANGED SHOTS WITH CITIZENS

Nervy Bandits Secure \$5000

From a Bank in Oklahoma

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 31.—Five robbers dynamited the bank at Wellston and escaped with \$5000.

The robbers, heavily armed, rode into Wellston after midnight. They erected a barbed wire barricade around the bank and, while some members of the gang went to work on the bank safe, others stood guard.

The citizens were soon up in arms and a lively exchange of shots with the robbers followed. The bandits, however, were well armed and protected, and for two hours they kept townspeople at bay while others of them worked on the bank's vault. When they had succeeded in gaining the money it contained the five rode off.

BEHEADED AGED MOTHER

Crazy Man Then Jumps From Two-Story Window, but Is Uninjured

New York, Dec. 31.—While in a fit of insanity, Arthur Trotter, 33 years old, killed his mother, Mrs. Ann Trotter, aged 70, by beheading her with an axe and a knife in her apartments on West Eighteenth street.

Trotter jumped from a second story window as the police broke in the door, but was found outside practically uninjured. He declared that the end of the world was coming and that he had been divinely inspired to commit the crime.

Trotter is said to have quarreled frequently with his mother and only Tuesday, the police say, he finished a six months' prison term for beating her.

NO MORE GENERAL MUSTERS

Newberry Abolishes Old-Fashioned Ceremony on Our Warships

Washington, Dec. 31.—General muster, required by regulations of the navy from time immemorial has been abolished by Secretary Newberry.

The ceremony of mustering the entire crew of the battleships on the morning of the first Sunday of each month has long been regarded as a tedious and unnecessary procedure. It requires several hours on the great battleships manned by 700 or 800 men to call up all members of the crew and to have them pass in review, exchanging salutations with the commanding officer.

Has Belated Christmas Presents
Nortolk, Dec. 31.—The naval cutter Arbenda sailed from Hampton Roads last evening for Gibraltar, where she will meet the returning battleship fleet. She has a coal cargo and a load of Christmas presents for the men of the fleet, sent by relatives.

Barge Sinks With Cargo
South Norwalk, Conn., Dec. 31.—Barge Grant, loaded with coal, foundered near the Greens Reef lighthouse. She lies completely submerged at the bottom of the harbor and directly in the channel.

DEATH ROLL MOUNTING HIGHER

110,000 Dead In Messina and Reggio

MANY TOWNS IN RUINS

Grand Total of Fatalities Estimated at 150,000

CONSUL CHENEY IS KILLED

Work of Relief Being Pushed as Rapidly as Possible

Rome, Dec. 31.—The intensity of the disaster in southern Italy and Sicily can only be measured by the fact that it is now estimated that 110,000 people perished in Messina and Reggio alone. A score of other towns have been devastated and thousands of victims in these places must be added to the toll.

The estimated grand total of fatalities is now placed at 150,000. In the face of this awful total all Italy stands appalled.

Nor has the full death list yet been reached. Shiploads of fugitives have arrived at Naples and other ports, and the vast majority of these are sorely injured. Other thousands remain near the ruins of their homes or wander half starving, half naked, over the land. The forces that on Monday overwhelmed cities also destroyed the means of subsistence.

Telegraphic communication has been established with Messina. Messages which have come over the line, though they have been meagre in detail, show that there hope is gone; nothing remains of the city but a mass of ruins that have been swept by fire.

Survivors in Great Distress
A mere handful of survivors are being cared for by the rescuing forces, but their distress is great and it has been increased by the violent icy wind which followed the deluge of rain. Destitution is everywhere and appalling. There is little food and less water. Of Messina's 30,000 population, it is believed that full 70,000 perished. Forty thousand people died in Reggio.

King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena were in Messina Wednesday. The king explored the ruins, regarding the danger to which he exposed himself. He was often moved to tears at the heart-rending scenes he came upon at every turn. The king was found in the palace of the splendid work accomplished by the Italian, Russian and English bluejackets, who saved many who otherwise would have inevitably perished. The queen spent the day in the wards of impoverished hospitals visiting the wounded, many of whom have lost all that was dear to them. The queen did her best to cheer them with womanly words of consolation, often breaking into sobs as she listened to their dreadful tales of suffering. The king left for Reggio last night.

Catania Is Overcrowded
Catania, the largest city nearest to the zone of the disaster, is crowded with refugees, and the continuous stream of fugitives coming in, the sight of the wounded and repetition of real or imaginary earth shocks, have so alarmed the population that they are becoming uncontrollable. There is no longer a place where the refugees may find shelter. Cardinal Ruffini, archbishop of Catania, has employed all the money in his possession to provide bread for the fugitives, but the people of Catania also are in great need, as the ordinary business pursuits have been entirely interrupted.

The government is finding difficulty in ascertaining the fate of the many foreigners who were in the earthquake zone at the time of the catastrophe. Inquiries concerning whom are coming from all quarters of the globe.

American Consul Killed
The commander of the battleship Admiral Makharoff, which arrived with fugitives at Naples, confirms the report of the death of the American consul at Messina, Arthur S. Cheney, and his wife who were buried in the ruins of the consulate. The number of Americans in Sicily and southern Italy is believed to be small and several of them are reported to have been staying at Taormina, which is on the east coast, about thirty miles southwest of Messina. According to the latest reports this place suffered no harm from the earthquake.

The destruction of the American consulate at Messina and the death of Consul Cheney and perhaps the death also of the former vice-consul, J. H. Pelree, together with the absence of W. H. Bishop, the American consul at Palermo, leaves the United States without a representative in Sicily at the present time. Officials in Rome are considering the possibility of the administration at

Washington ordering one or more of the ships of the battleship fleet now cruising around the world to proceed to Sicily in order to protect American interests.

Far Worse Than War
The minister of war, in despatching orders to the military authorities who have practically taken over the absolute power throughout the zone of the earthquake, explained:

"This disaster has resulted in a greater loss of life than any of our wars for independence. Indeed, the situation is much worse as, while war is always preceded by a period of preparation, this has happened within forty seconds. While war only affects the young and strong among the people, the present calamity has mowed down women and children, old men and youths. While in war the armies are followed by the most complete camp hospitals, the numberless wounded in Calabria and eastern Sicily have been left, in many cases, forty-eight hours without assistance. Even when rescued, it is impossible to house them, everything available having been filled by the dead. Lack of care and starvation will complete the work that the forces of nature has left undone."

All the sovereigns and the heads of states of the foreign governments have sent expressions of warmest sympathy and deepest condolence. France's message was especially warm, and she is despatching five warships from Toulon to Messina, which is hailed as a token of love from a sister race.

The minister of marine received word that the steamships Taormina and Campana, with 45,000 tons and a large supply of provisions aboard, have left Genoa bound for Messina. Other steamers, also homewardly steered, are on their way to the stricken cities from various ports.

Terrible Suffering Inevitable
The despatches from the stricken zone say that a large army would be required to cope with even the pressing needs of the unfortunate people who are roaming about half clad and starving, some of them dragging articles of clothing from the smoldering ruins to protect themselves from the piercing winds. Terrible suffering is inevitable before the much-needed relief can arrive.

The rescue parties, military, naval and civil, of different nationalities, are performing prodigies, but the task before them is almost hopeless. Added to the difficulty of obtaining food and water, there are no drugs or surgical appliances. Heart-breaking appeals for help are heard on every side, to which only the most inadequate response is possible. Temporary hospitals are being rigged up, but only a comparatively few can be relieved and the scenes of horror defy description. The survivors of the earthquake are suffering cruel extremities and, in Messina, may be seen all around vainly searching in the dust and debris for morsels of food.

Late despatches state that the city of Taormina contains 1500 dead and twice as many injured. Two-thirds of the town was laid waste. All the villages adjacent suffered as severely.

The king has telegraphed Premier Giolitti, informing him that Reggio is in the same awful condition as Messina and announcing that a Russian steamer with 500 injured will arrive at Naples today. The king asks that all preparations be made for their reception at the hospitals and requests that the ship be sent back with doctors.

Messina a Huge Furnace
Despatches from Catania describe Messina as appearing like a huge incandescent furnace. The fire spread to the buildings that had not yet fallen, completing the work of destruction. The Strait of Messina is now choked with corpses of men and animals. At the present time there are twelve warships at Messina, four Italian, four British and four Russian, as well as a number of destroyers and steamers. The injured are being carried aboard the steamers and will be removed to Naples.

This relief work now is well begun, but hundreds of persons are wandering about the ruins like madmen. They are being given food and clothing as fast as it is possible.

General Nava, commandant at Catanzaro, has telegraphed to his government that he had tried vainly for two days to reach Reggio by land and sea. The roads are impracticable and the shore has been so torn and twisted as far as he traveled in Calabria that it was impossible to approach the water.

At the ministry of marine word has been received that frightful looting and pillage occurred at Reggio. This place, already overwhelmed, will have few survivors, as it has been impossible for the relief expedition to reach it.

Naples' Destruction Predicted
The Naples newspapers are reproducing the prophecy of Matilde Serao, which was printed in *Nes Annate* a week ago and in which, predicting the destruction of Naples and expressing Italy's constant fear of nature's upheaval, she said:

"Today the city is beautiful, because God wishes it. We believe her immortal, but she is destined for death. See you this mountain, at whose feet stretch beautiful villages, bathed by the sea? She will destroy our city; she will be our executioner. One day roars will come; convulsions will shake the mountain; a frightful tempest will agitate the sea; flashes of lightning will cover the heavens and all nature will combine to our destruction."

CHINAMAN BROKE HIS AGREEMENT

Failure of Deal to Ship His Countrymen North

CONSPIRACY TO SNUGGLE

Captain of Schooner Which Was Seized by Federal Authorities and Financial Sponsor Are Convicted by Boston Jury—Defendants Claimed They Intended to Land Chinese in Nova Scotia

Boston, Dec. 31.—Harvey G. Daly of this city, captain of schooner Freddie W. Alton, and Philip M. Springer, a Boston tourist living in Somerville, were found guilty of conspiracy to smuggle Chinese into the country by a jury in the United States district court.

The case is the outcome of the seizure by the federal authorities at Pensacola last month of the fishing schooner Freddie W. Alton. The vessel had been chartered by Daly from Boston parties, ostensibly to go on a fishing trip north.

Instead, Daly shipped a crew of eleven men and sailed from Boston early in September for Vera Cruz, Mex. Leaving the schooner, Daly went to Mexico City, where he met one Wah Sing, who, it was brought out in the trial, had agreed to round up Chinamen in Mexico to be shipped north.

The Freddie W. Alton got into a storm off the coast and had to put back to Pensacola for repairs and provisions, and the federal authorities, becoming suspicious, seized her. Later she was libeled and sold to pay the wages of the crew.

The schooner showed that banks had been fitted up in her hold for the reception of the Chinese and she carried no fishing tackle or bait. According to Daly, Wah Sing did not keep his agreement and the captain came north and was at his home when the federal officers sought him out with a warrant.

Springer participated in the deal to the extent of borrowing money right and left to finance the expedition which, it was promised, would yield from \$15,000 to \$25,000. Altogether Springer collected about \$1200.

Immediately after the seizure of the schooner the crew of eleven men were arrested and brought north and held as witnesses. Daly furnished \$5000 bail and has been at liberty, but Springer was surrendered by his bondsmen soon after his arrest and release.

During the trial, which began on Dec. 22 before Judge Dodge, practically all the allegations of the charge were admitted, with the exception that the defendants claimed they intended to land the Chinese in Nova Scotia, thereby claiming they were not violating any law of this country.

The jury, after deliberating for nine hours and forty minutes, returned a verdict of guilty in both cases at 8:20 last night. Sentence was deferred, notice of exceptions being filed.

OPPOSED TO "TAFT CLUBS"

President-Elect Throws Down the Proposition of John Hammond

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 31.—President-elect Taft has effectively put a question on the desire which was beginning to develop into activity to organize "Taft clubs" throughout the south. Taft doubts the wisdom of encouraging at this time political activity in any form.

This subject was under direct consideration at the initiative of John H. Hammond, who was willing to at once undertake to extend the influence and organization of the National League of Republican Clubs throughout the southern states, graciously under the style of "Taft clubs." Taft declared firmly against the "Taft club" proposition.

Anna Wins Against Bond
Paris, Dec. 31.—The petition of Count Bond de Castellane, that the custody of his three sons be given to his mother was denied. The court ruled that the children remain in the custody of the mother, Princess de Sagan. The princess, before she married de Castellane, from whom she secured a divorce, was Miss Anna Gould of New York.

Shipwrecked Seamen Saved
Hambourg, Dec. 31.—Steamer Kronprinz Olaf, from Savannah and Norfolk for Hamburg, brought into port the crew of schooner Lolita A. Captain Courtney, from Oporto to Newfoundland, which went down at Newfoundland.

Sixty Miles in Aeroplane
Le Mans, France, Dec. 31.—William Wright made another long flight here, remaining in the air for one hour and fifty-two minutes and covering a distance of sixty miles. He was obliged to stop on account of the intense cold.

The Culgoa Reaches Suez
Suez, Dec. 31.—The American supply ship Culgoa came in here in advance of the battleship fleet under Rear Admiral Sperry. The warships are expected Jan. 3.

"WATCH NIGHT" SERVICE

Will Be Participated In by Twelve Thousand Persons at Chicago

Chicago, Dec. 31.—In the Coliseum here tonight 12,000 Christian workers will await with hymns and prayers the coming of the new year. It will be a gigantic old fashioned "watch night" service, participated in by evangelists from all parts of America. Tonight's service will be the closing scene of a three days' revival held under the auspices of the Moody Bible institute of this city. Among the men who are attending the services are the following:

Dr. L. W. Mumhall of Germantown, Pa., a distinguished Methodist evangelist, who has been engaged to conduct evangelistic meetings in the Panama canal zone; Dr. William E. Bledsoe, Monticello, Ind., who is just concluding a six months' campaign in Kansas, assisted by thirty evangelists; William Phillips Hall, New York, president of the American Tract society and of the American Bible league; Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, Washington, who has recently conducted special investigations of child labor and prison conditions for President Roosevelt; Dr. A. B. Simpson, founder of the Christian Missionary alliance.

GROOMING "DARK HORSES"

One of Them May Land in Foraker's Seat in the Senate

Columbus, Dec. 31.—Wade H. Ellis, returning from Augusta, Ga., where he went to interview William H. Taft in the interest of the candidacy of Charles P. Taft for the Ohio senatorship, and plunging into a three hour conference with the latter and his chief supporters, gave an interesting turn to affairs in the contest for Senator Foraker's seat in the upper house of congress.

The total votes claimed by Burton through pledges is thirty-two. While this is greater strength than is claimed by any of the other candidates, it is still far short of the forty-six necessary to constitute a majority of the ninety-one Republican votes in the legislature.

The fact that the three leading candidates, Taft, Burton and Foraker, are each so far short of the necessary number of votes lends importance to the "favorite son" or "dark horse" candidates who are in the race with from two to twelve votes to their credit and who decline at this time to think of withdrawing.

BERNSTORFF MEETS THE PRESIDENT

Expressions of Friendship Are Cordially Appreciated

Washington, Dec. 31.—Cordial expressions of good feeling were exchanged between President Roosevelt and Count von Bernstorff, the new German ambassador, who was formally presented to Roosevelt at the White House.

The better Bernstorff presented from the emperor of Germany accrediting him as ambassador expressed the "best wishes" which the emperor ever cherished for the happiness and welfare of the United States. The president said that the emperor's expressions of friendship and good will are cordially appreciated and he trusted the cordial feelings existing would tend to promote and strengthen the friendly relations between the two countries.

HEAVYWEIGHTS TO MIX

Hart and Schreck Get Together in Lexington, Ky., Tonight

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 31.—Tonight Marvin Hart of Louisville and Mike Schreck of Cincinnati, heavyweights, will get together in a twenty round fight in the opera house here.

Although Hart calls himself former heavyweight champion of the world, declaring that Jeffries gave the title to him when the big Californian retired from the ring, he is no longer taken seriously by sports. This is due in part to his defeats at the hands of Tommy Burns and others. Schreck is also not a bright star in the pugilistic skies, but the two men are pretty evenly matched, and a good scrap is expected.

Yankee Still on Ocean's Bed

Washington, Dec. 31.—The condition of the United States cruiser Yankee, which was again sunk in Buzzard's Bay after being temporarily raised by the salvage crew, is practically the same as it was when the vessel went down the second time, according to a report from Lieutenant E. A. Foley, the executive officer of the Yankee.

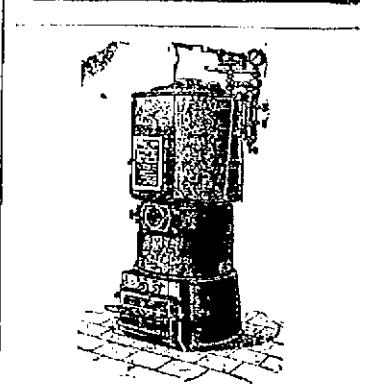
Assets Exceed Liabilities

Boston, Dec. 31.—The creditors of the Boston 2 of H. W. Poor & Co., bankers, filed the preliminary report of a free Jackson, which showed that a firm had debts of \$1,125,562.66 and assets of \$2,228,550.51.

Seeking Franchise For Women

Albany, Dec. 31.—For the purpose of securing "the national, state and local franchise for women," the Equal Franchise society filed a certificate of incorporation with the secretary of state. Among the directors are many prominent persons.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 31, 1903.

WORLD CHARITY NEEDED

Governor Floyd has done well to ask aid from the people of New Hampshire for the suffering Italians in the earthquake region.

The territory devastated in the island of Sicily and in Calabria and the adjoining mainland provinces is approximately 16,000 square miles, or an area about the same size as New Hampshire and Massachusetts without the islands.

The country is densely populated, the census showing some 1,000,000 or more inhabitants, approaching closely the population of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts.

The worst destruction is over about one-third of the area and includes considerably more than half of the population affected.

The climate is semi-tropical, but the rainy winter season is not an ideal time for living out doors.

The dead lie unburied in that moist and warm atmosphere and pestilence—probably malarial plague, typhus fever and typhoid fever is likely to be raging there very soon.

Italy is a poor country and one-eighth of her population is facing starvation and pestilence in a land where the homes that sheltered them have been destroyed.

The charity of the whole world must be exercised for the relief measures. Let New Hampshire do her part as asked by her governor.

STRAITS CHANGED BY EARTHQUAKE

Navigators Report Many Towns Gone and Land Formation Changed

Palermo, Dec. 21—Navigators who have come here from the Straits of Messina report that the straits have taken an entirely new shape since the earthquake. They describe them as "twisted." Many villages and forts along the straits have been destroyed. Lighthouses have been swallowed up by the sea, and navigation is impossible at night and dangerous by day.

One of the survivors picked up at sea by the steamer Washington was a man named Francesco Lojcone. He was wounded and unconscious. On reviving he called loudly for his wife and children. All efforts to quiet him were useless, and he insisted that the steamer put him ashore. Finally he became hoarse of his sobs, and, springing suddenly to his feet, jumped overboard still calling for his wife and babies. He started swimming toward the land, but soon disappeared beneath the waves. A traveler returned here Tuesday afternoon from the other side of the straits. He says that Reggio, San Giovanni, Scilla, Cannitello and all bordering on the straits are in ruins. Great numbers of dead are still believed to be under the wreckage.

The British steamer Ebeo came in here Tuesday afternoon from Messina. She has on board 16 wounded,

including Alfred G. Ogston, the British vice-consul at Messina. Mrs. Ogston lost her life, but the consul's daughter was saved. Mr. Ogston describes the destruction of Messina as "frightful beyond words and exceeding in horror the wildest flights of the imagination."

One of the trains that came in here from Messina Tuesday afternoon brought the widow of the chief of police of that city and her son. Both seemed half crazed with grief. They made frantic but vain efforts to father and the other children. The widow, the life of the husband and father and the other children. The clothes of the widow and her son are literally in rags.

The reported death of Dr. Nino Nicolò Felli and his wife has been confirmed. Dr. Felli, who also is a deputy, refuses to abandon the wreck of his brother's home. He is there now, working with bleeding hands and half dead from fatigue, determined to remain until he finds the body of his brother.

NAVY ORDERS

J. H. Sears, commissioned captain, Commander T. D. Griffin, from command of the Paducah to home and wait orders.

Commander J. L. Purcell from duty as inspector in charge of the eighth light-house district, New Orleans, Jan. 11, to command the Paducah.

Lieutenant Commander P. Symington to duty in the office of naval intelligence, Washington, Jan. 2.

Ensign F. A. Todd to the United States medical school hospital, Washington, for treatment and observation.

Surgeon C. H. T. Lowndes, orders to Mare Island, Cal., revoked, still continue treatment at United States naval medical school hospital, Washington.

Chief Constructor W. L. Capps appointed acting chief of the bureau of steam engineering, Washington.

Arrived—Castine and Oropus at Norfolk.

Sailed—Yorktown from Callao for Talcahuano; Colorado from Panama for Talcahuano; Pueblo, Hopkins and Fox from San Pedro for Mare Island.

The battleship Maine, with Admiral Arnold aboard, after leaving Venezuela waters will go to Guantanamo and, according to the present program, will make a brief cruise with the battleships Idaho and Mississippi.

General muster, required by regulations of the navy from time to time immemorial, was abolished by Secretary Newberry on Wednesday. The ceremony of mustering the entire crew of the battleships on the morning of the first Sunday of each month has long been regarded as a tedious and unnecessary procedure, requiring several hours on the great battleship manned by 700 or 800 men to call up all members of the crew and to have them pass in review, exchanging salutations with the commanding officer. During this procedure it has been customary to carry the books of the muster in the case of each man on the roll.

Various details of the physical tests to be given naval officers were discussed on Wednesday at a conference at the White House. The President invited Secretary Newberry, Admiral Pillsbury, chief of the bureau of navigation, and other prominent officers of the navy to give their views on tentative regulations providing for a test of physical endurance for officers of the navy. It is expected these regulations will be announced within a day or two, as the rough draft has been completed in the bureau of navigation.

Originally it was intended to have the order apply only to naval officers on shore duty and to those below the rank of captain. The President has now decided to have no exception, the only modification being a certain leniency in the regulations imposed on captains and rear admirals, in which cases the walk will be thirty miles and the bicycle ride thirty miles, the horseback ride of like distance. In the case of other officers the walk will be fifty miles and the horseback and bicycle ride twenty and one hundred miles respectively.

The President is also inclined to reject the proposition of a 24-hour tour of duty on watch on the bridge for officers at sea.

"Suffered day and night the treatment of holding it. Nothing helped me until I saw Dr. Ointment. It cured me principally."—Hon. John R. Garrett, Mayor, Chicago, Ill.

The work of building the vault to the Mechanics and Trades new building is being rushed. It will be of concrete and steel and will be in every way

REFUGEES AT NAPLES

Hospitalist Crowded and in Great Need of Assistance

Naples, Dec. 31—The steamer Serapius has arrived here with 500 refugees from Messina. They were all in a pitiable plight, having had nothing to eat since the catastrophe except the scant allowances passed out to them by the ship's officers. Most of them were half naked, although they had been supplied with blankets. The injured were taken to hospitals here, and the others will be properly cared for by the municipal relief committee.

The fact that dying people have to be taken such a distance for medical attention shows the immensity of the disaster and the inadequacy of the relief measures at present possible. The steamship Serapius had to come to Naples because all the hospitals in the principal towns of Sicily are overcrowded and medical supplies, doctors and nurses woefully lacking.

It is expected that by tomorrow night fully 5000 injured people will have made their way to this city. They are coming by merchantmen and warships. The municipality has addressed an appeal to the local population asking the people of Naples to accept and give hospitality to the unfortunate Sicilians. Every means of transportation to move the wounded from the harbors to the hospitals and infirmaries is being made use of. A number of available buildings are being prepared to serve as provisional hospitals.

Syracuse, Sicily, Dec. 31—The British merchant steamer Bruke has arrived here from Messina. She was in that port at the time of the disaster. She has on board 2200 refugees, including 20 wounded persons. The sufferers were brought here, as the hospitals at nearer ports were all overcrowded.

COAL FOR THE NAVY

Another Collier Disaster Sets Navy Officials to Thinking Hard

Carrying 4553 tons of coal for the United States navy and bound for Honolulu, the American merchant ship Derigo has been obliged to put into Rio de Janeiro leaking badly and totally unseaworthy. The government will either have to sell her cargo and abandon the ship, or share in the expense of repairing her. The bureau of equipment of the navy department will have to make immediate shipment.

Equipped as a full-rigged sailing ship Derigo has been obliged to put Baltimore, on Oct. 26 with her cargo. The same ship sailed from Baltimore in October, 1902, with 4513 tons of coal and, after coasting along the north coast of Alexander island, near San Francisco. The government was put to the expense of helping save the ship.

Coming on the heels of many ship disasters with chartered colliers, officials of the navy department believe the loss indicates that the time has come for some action looking to facilitate transportation of coal for war vessels.

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"It is astonishing," remarked a well known authority on disease of the skin, "how such a large number of people, especially ladies, are, by attractively written advertisements, induced to purchase some one of the many so called Beauty Creams now on the market, not knowing, of course, that they mostly contain oily or greasy substances that clog the pores of the skin and are, for that reason, the very worst thing that they could possibly use. My treatment of Pimples, Blackheads, Blisters and all eruptions of the skin, are as follows and has invariably proved very successful. Wash the face carefully every night before retiring with warm water and a little oat meal tied up in a small cloth bag, then, after drying well, use the following inexpensive and perfectly harmless prescription, which can be filled at any Drug Store. Clearol 12 oz. Ether 1 oz. Alcohol 7oz. Use this mixture on the face as often as possible during the day, but not at night and morning anyway, allowing it to remain on the face at least ten minutes, then the powdery film may be wiped off. Do not wash the face for some little time after using. By following this simple treatment, you will soon have a clear and brilliant complexion."

RESIGNS AS CLERK OF ASSESSORS

John C. McDonough, the clerk of the Board of Tax Assessors, on Wednesday concluded his duties with that board, having resigned to take effect at that time. Mr. McDonough resigns to devote more time to his own business, and his successor will prob-

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ably not be appointed. It was the plan eventually to have one of the members of the Board of Assessors do the work, but the board were to keep along the present way until next spring before any change has to be made.

Now it is very probable that the clerical work will be done by Mr. Ralph Walker, as Mr. Underhill, the new assessor will continue his position in the bank and devote the afternoon to the assessors' work.

A TRIBUTE TO THE DEAD

His Former Employer Talks of the Late Robert Harrington

Hiram Hayes pays a fine tribute to the memory of Robert Harrington, who died on Monday.

"He was the last of the old time fishermen in this city," said Mr. Hayes, "and he was as good a worker as was ever employed on Hayes farm. I was a small boy when he came to America and that was 1847. He was old enough to be married and leave his wife in Ireland till he could earn the money for her to come here. He worked a year for Rufus Weeks at Haystack and then went to work for my father and stayed twenty years. He earned the money on that job to buy himself a home. He was always willing to work and I'd be puffed to get hold of a man like him today. 'Robbie' was always cheerful and honest and we mourn him as a friend, for he was a good friend."

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WOMEN AND CONVENTIONS

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SOME GERMAN VIEWS

Breaking Away From Accepted Boundaries Always Regarded Askance on Both Sides of the Ocean—Thoughts Suggested by New Year's Occurrences in New York.

The incoming of 1931 was marked in New York by one incident which the city at large and women in particular viewed with widely varying feelings. For it was on New Year's eve that for the first time certain restaurants permitted women to smoke in public.

For a long while we have been told that, little by little, as our women traveled more extensively, or returned from residence abroad, we should find ways and manners of these foreign social life creeping in to even, conservative American circles. Wiseacres shook their heads. Puritan consciences were stirred and uttered timely warnings. The up-bred flapper spoke of disapproval.

It is an interesting question, this matter of the tendency toward the breaking down of inherited traditions and long honored conventions. Who is ready to say that they are conventions more honored in the breach than the observance? On the whole it is possible to affirm definitely what attitude the women who stand for common sense and high ideals are taking to-day toward many new ideas imported from foreign shores?

Whatever I say and whatever I do Aunt Tabitha'll say that she never did so."

And so one is forced to conclude, like the same perplexed girl, "What a wonder Aunt Tabitha's mind must have been, and her great-aunt!" The qualified disapproval of everything novel was the dictum of generations gone. "We never did so," settled any vexed question, and effectually blocked the way to changes in social forms.

Impossible as it is, to arrive at results that can be tabulated after the fashion of modern psychology charts, it is interesting to watch the American woman in any situation which involves the breaking down of barriers.

Two women, after six weeks of England, returned to the city and the Lake district principally found themselves the guest of an artist and his wife, themselves Americans, at an outdoor cafe on the Boulevard Montparnasse. Interesting looking artists, students from all quarters of the globe, bearded Russians, swarthy Poles, slim Japanese, and globe-trotting Americans, were the patrons. There was an absence of restraint, a freedom of camaraderie, the manners and tone of the Latin quarter in evidence on every hand.

There would have been a time when the same type of American woman would have left, hastily, for these two represented the conservative element of modern femininity. The woman of the present, however, watched with a critical interest, listened as certain stories relative to those at the tables were told by their host and hostess, and left after three hours of observation with another picture to add to their rapidly growing gallery of European scenes. The main feature evident in their presence was willingness to observe, an intelligent appreciation of differences of conduct, but no yielding of their own ideas of propriety.

One comment, made after two years' residence in Germany, by a keen-witted American girl, was: "The majority of German women I knew were of the hausfrau type. They ranged socially from professors' wives to the daughters of lesser officials, or girls of the army circle. To these girls I was the unconventional American of whom they had heard. I attended theatres and dances unchaperoned; I walked on the streets, or lunched at the restaurants with men friends, or, worse still, went alone to concerts."

"Between the girls and women, with all their attention devoted to the Kaiser's four k's, and the women who were not admitted to desirable circles there seemed to be no mean. You were one or the other. The existence of a well defined class of women, who were not primarily housewives, nor the antithesis of these, was not even recognized."

Left to their own devices, the average woman does not find conventions really tiresome. Freedom to follow her own sweet will in matters social is not the most sought-after thing. In the main, woman is a convention being. She loves to do the correct thing, the thing countenanced by the majority, the thing to be defended on the score of respectable ancestry. When old-time ideas are laid aside, there has been some influence at work, to the will of which she bows.

Wives in the Sudan.

Telegraphic communication is being rapidly opened up along the Sudan part of the "Cape-to-Cairo" steam railway route. Khartoum has direct connection with Egypt. There are now more than 4,000 miles of telegraph working wires in the Sudan, and last year more than 230,000 private telegrams were sent over them.

A VICTORIAL CENSOR

London Hotel Rule That Only Persons in Evening Dress Be Admitted.

Something of a hubbub has been raised in London by the refusal of the directors of the Savoy Hotel to rescind their rule that only persons in evening dress shall be allowed to dine in the restaurant. This hotel is the best in London rightly to enforce this rule, and the recent refusal of the management to allow a distinguished earl and his wife to enter the restaurant in ordinary street clothes has aroused considerable protest. The directors have maintained their position but have begun a postcard campaign of their regular patrons to get their views as to the continuation of their traditional law of dress. They argue that to relax the rule means that dress in ordinary evening costume will mix with those in evening dress and mar the harmony and brilliancy of the scene.

It would seem that under sensible standards the purpose of the hotel is to furnish lodgings, food and drink, real solid comfort, to its guests, and not harmony and brilliancy; that any man decently clad and decently behaved, with the money to pay for the service should be admitted to all the products given over to the use of guests; that the managers are expected to enforce what shall be worn in their dining rooms. But it is found both in law and popular opinion that harmony and brilliancy are essential to a hotel dining room along with food and drink, if they earnestly seek to have in their halls that sartorial harmony which is in perfect accord with the mural decorations and the music, then they must post some beam of light at the door to see that no discord is admitted in the way of a man with diamond studs.

To the eye sensitive to the niceties of masculine attire nothing is more offensive than a group of indifferently selected men in evening clothes. The average man wears his old office coat with more grace than his laced dinner jacket, and his laced dinner jacket reveals his true character, so evening dress reveals his breeding. The swallow-tail is one of the most hideous garments ever devised by tailors, and it is not given to more than one man in a hundred to wear it with perfect harmony and a correct accompaniment of shirt, tie and shoes.

Look around any of our great New York restaurants at night and you will find a hundred men dressed to the Savoy standard and yet hardly more than a handful properly attired according to the requirements of perfect taste and correct form. Brilliance there may be, but harmony never. Here is a man with a dinner jacket and a white tie; there another with a suit pressed shirt front and diamond studs blinding us with their garish light; another with a waist coat out shockingly high and heavy festoons of gold chain across it. Sometimes even a tin shoe will poke out from the white folds of the tablecloth. Drive out the sartorial goats and hardly enough sheep will remain to raise an audible hum.

A far more harmonious clothes picture is found in our quick lunch restaurants at noon than in the evening in the palatial restaurants of the avenue. The average man when he seeks to beautify himself for dinner goes far astray artistically.

Moral Tale from Shaw. Hon. Leslie M. Shaw, the former Secretary of the Treasury, is a renowned story teller and it is his boast that his tales always point a moral. One day Mr. Shaw was entertaining some callers. He was rather nettled because certain things had gone away and might have lost his temper had not his memory been the stronger.

"I never got into a hurry and rushed at anything that I did not have cause to regret it," said the ex-Secretary. "Go slow, I say to myself, forty times a day. Why, I got into one of the worst scrapes of my married life, just because I acted first and did my thinking afterward. It was when my son was about ten years old, and we were living in Denison. My wife was then an enthusiastic poultry raiser, and the children, as well as myself, talked chickens, read farmyard literature, and exhibited all the signs of the early victim. We boasted of our early broilers and our plentiful supply of eggs, and no distance or expense was too great to prevent our adding a new variety to our chicken family."

"We also had a cat, sleek and fat, and quite a household favorite. But a 'biddy' used to disappear every now and then, and suspicion fell on the feline pet. The children were set to watch, and a reward was offered the one who found the marauder. One morning I had just filled my shaving mug with warm water, preparatory to beginning a part of my day's duties, when my son called out from downstairs that the cat had caught a small chicken and was eating it. I looked, and sure enough there was the cat sinking across the yard with something in her mouth. My blood was up and I took aim with my shaving mug, a heavy commodity, in plated silver, and fired. But the cat dodged with that uncanny intelligence of her kind. The weapon sped on, however, and caught the mother of our finest brood, straight in the head and laid her lifeless among the orphaned children. When the smoke of battle had cleared away our son found that the beloved tabby had captured a mole—the real criminal in the case—and was quietly eating the same on the back porch."

Washington Herald.

LORD MAYOR OF LONDON

He is a Familiar Figure to the "Man in the Street"

POWERS LITTLE KNOWN

Within the City itself He Takes Precedence of Every Subject of the King—Princes of the Royal Blood Not Excepted—Expected to Spend More Than His Salary.

The Lord Mayor of the City of London is a familiar figure to the "man in the street," but his real powers and privileges and the history of his ancient office very little is known to the average Londoner. How many, for instance, are aware of the fact that within the city itself he takes precedence of every subject of the King, princes of the royal blood not even excepted?

His princely emolument of £10,000 a year and "lordly pleasure house," provided as his official residence by the corporation, are fitting recompenses to the state he is called upon to maintain. The sum in question, although considerable, is always very much less than he is expected to spend during his year. The first day of office alone, Lord Mayor's Day—with its "show" and banquet in the evening costs something between four and five thousand pounds, one-half of which is borne by him and the rest equally by his two Sheriffs.

Every great national disaster in this or any other land finds in him the ready and willing public receiver and dispenser of the world's charity, the Mansion House fund being justly renowned for their magnificence and the promptitude with which they are collected and applied.

His public duties are innumerable. He is chairman of the periodical meetings of the Court of Aldermen and Common Council, presides over the Livery in Common Hall and every other great meeting of citizens in the ancient Guildhall. These meetings during the South African war were frequent and numerous. He is ex-officio member of many of the corporation's committees, although attendance of these is not looked for to any extent during his mayoralty.

At corporations by immemorial usage, he acts as Captain or Chief Butler. He is Chief Magistrate in the city, Coroner of London, trustee of St. Paul's Cathedral and chairman of its. Majesty's Commission of Lieutenancy, to which body he alone has the highly prized right of nominating to fill vacancies therein.

Such old-world privileges as the right to go a-hunting in Epping Forest and to proceed in glorious pageant upon the River Thames, have died; but he is still Admiral of the Port of London and ex-officio chairman of the Thames Conservancy, a right, however, which is now never claimed.

The Lord Mayor only recognizes one greater than himself in his own domain—the Monarch. But he meets on royal visits to the city at Temple Bar or Holborn Bars, and yields up to him his emblem of civic sovereignty, the sword which, being duly returned, he bears in front of the royal procession on the city's boundaries are again reached.

No troops may enter the city's square mile, save by his leave first obtained, and by day or night he may claim admission through the gates of the "Tower of London," the gateway being duly furnished to him from time to time by his Sovereign.

Not only in the matter of emoluments and residence, are his surroundings magnificent. There is his coach, a wonderful engine built in 1757, weighing nearly four tons, with exquisitely patterned panels and so gilded and embellished as to earn for it the sobriquet of "the gingerbread coach," as distinct from the more modest though very handsome vehicle used on ordinary occasions. The coach was built by a contribution of £60 a head from the Aldermen who had not served as Mayor, and is now seldom seen save in the civic procession of to-day.

His chains and insignia are all worthy of note. The badges of royalty are attached to his office; the sword and mace are carried before him on state occasions and he wears the collar and jewel conferred upon him as a mark of royal favor. His chain, which is five feet long, consists of a series of gold links (once called the SS chain), the jewel being suspended by a ring of diamonds.

There are several swords attached to the office, one being the magnificent and unique "Pearl" sword presented by Queen Elizabeth in 1571 on opening the Royal Exchange. This, however, is seldom seen being carried only at great national functions. Another is the black sword, borne on the death of any member of the royal family. On these occasions it is the Lord Mayor's duty to direct the tolling of the great bell of St. Paul's. A sword always reposes on the table at the corporation's great fortnightly meetings at Guildhall and by ordering its removal the Lord Mayor can summarily and automatically end the sitting—a course not often adopted nowadays, though in more stormy times it was frequently resorted to.

As recently said by the retiring Lord Mayor, Sir William Trevelyan, the road to this high and ancient office, is a long and difficult one, and probably unique in the number of times the aspirant has to submit himself for election before he reaches it.

HIS BONES FOR BUTTONS.

Other Parts of a Man's Body to Become Violin Strings.

His bones to make buttons, his skin to be tanned and given to his friends and other parts of his body to be made into violin strings—such are the provisions of the will of Henry E. Sullivan of 231 West 104th street, New York.

The will, which Mr. Sullivan alleges is made, has these clauses: "I do hereby direct the executor of this my will to have made out of my bones circular buttons of the dimensions of from one-half inch to one inch in diameter."

I do further direct my said executors to have the skin of my body tanned and made into pouches.

I do hereby further direct my said executors to have made out of such parts of my body as may be suitable strings for the violin, such as are usually designated "cat-gut" strings.

And I do hereby further direct my said executors to have said violin strings adjusted to the body of a violin.

I hereby give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved friend and classmate, James Hayes, all and singular, the buttons, violin strings and tanned skin made out of my body, as aforesaid, the same to be by him distributed according to his discretion to my intimate friends.

When asked why he made such a queer testament Mr. Sullivan said:

"Every task we undertake, every thought should have for its object some useful purpose. Every stick of wood, every stone, every piece of soda can be utilized. Did each one but train his eyes to see the use to which each object in this world can be put, how much happier the world would be."

"I made the will because I saw no reason why there should be such wastefulness, why so much good raw material should be allowed to go for naught."

"Why in this age should we cling to foolish, unhygienic, wasteful notions? The body, after the soul has fled, is just so much material to be moulded by man for his own use, as is everything else on this sphere."

"My will is perfectly feasible. My lawyer tells me that it cannot be contested on the ground of insanity. I realize that it is extraordinary, but I so will it as being consistent with my belief."

Doctored Dangerous Animals.

One of the most difficult feats attempted by physicians is that of attending to wild animals who have become ill while confined in some of the big shows throughout the United States and Europe. When it is recalled that many an elephant, lion, or some huge bear constitutes a worth thousands of dollars, it is easy to understand that the very best trained and expensive of physicians are called in to operate on the sick animals. There is often danger attached to the work, although if the animal is known as very vicious it is usual to chloroform it before the physician begins his examination into the cause of the disease.

The methods of treatment resemble largely those used when human patients call on the family doctor, varied of course by the peculiarities of the animal. For instance, when a big Indian elephant gets the stomach ache, and they do this perhaps twice a year, there is considerable hard work to be done, and it must be done right away. For instance the elephant must be roped by all four legs and it must be done quickly, because an elephant with the stomach ache or acute indigestion (as it really is) is more dangerous than a good deal than a runaway locomotive.

Then he is thrown on one side and must be jumped on with the feet, in order to try to force the gas out of his system.

The ordinary kind of rubbing would not even penetrate an elephant's skin. Then comes a huge mustard plaster with blankets used to spread the mustard on and about 20 pounds of mustard to the plaster. Afterwards 2 quarts of whiskey and ginger should be poured down his throat. This treatment was used in the New York zoo not long ago and cured the elephant's stomach ache in a couple of hours.

A big Indian tigress named a "Pitiless" in the London zoo had a bad record as a man eater near Mysore in India. She tried to kill anyone who approached her, and gave evidence of being in agony. An attempt to lasso this tigress was in vain, so one night a spurs soaked in chloroform was poked under her nose on a long stick. This dazed the tigress and a bag containing another chloroform soaked sponge was pushed over her head. Before she could get off the bag the anesthetist had worked and the doctor quickly drained off a huge quantity of blood found on one of the big teeth of the man eater. Mouths and heads occasionally need surgical treatment and are not difficult to handle. The big inmates of the snake house, however, prove very hard to care for during illness. With a 10-foot long it is necessary for two men to grasp the reptile and hold it hard to overcome the resistance of the great coils.

International marriages are possibly no more dangerous than others among the leisure class, but they are more conspicuous.

Mark Twain says: "Rich men are costly, and that's no merry jest."

A TRUE DIAMOND FIELD

Farmer in Pike County, Ark. Upset a Story Belief

PEBBLE WAS A DIAMOND

He Picked It Up While Working Along a Country Road at the Summer of 1906—It Was a Shining Bit of Stone—Caused the Upsetting of Strongest Beliefs of Geologists.

When that farmer out in Murfreesboro, Pike County, Ark., picked up a shining bit of stone while walking along a country road in the summer of 1906, a pebble that later on was shown to be a diamond, he had little idea that he was the cause of the upsetting of one of the strongest beliefs of geologists. This was the opinion that diamonds never would be found in the North American continent in their natural surroundings, or "matrix," in a genuine diamond "field."

Murfreesboro is about 100 miles southwest from Little Rock and the "diamond field" is owned by two companies of local capitalists, who are working it under the usual secret conditions that attend labor of this sort. The country is particularly favorable to outdoor work, for the climate is mild all winter long, a rare thing through the property, there is an abundance of timber and coal is cheap and easily obtained. Not all of the 600 acres in the two farms to which the "diamond field" is limited is of importance for the area of peridotite rock that flows near the surface of the ground is only forty acres in extent. The "field," however, is still further extended, to an area of 100 acres, by the spread of the "decomposed peridotite, or portions of the original formation that has crumbled away by the action of the elements."

It over this small area that the two companies are at work now with drills and the usual accessories of diamond mining. Up to the time, in August last, when Dr. G. F. Kunz of Tiffany's made his first scientific report of the discovery of the "field," about 140 diamonds had been picked up, but since then no report has been made of what further quantity has been found. It is known, however, that the operating companies have reached a depth of 200 feet, and the peridotite rock shows no signs of either change or giving out. It is also definitely known that a depth of 15 feet below the surface good-sized diamonds have been found in the rock, or "matrix."

Of the 140 diamonds that were found up to August last, they ranged in color from the purest white (like the so-called "river stones" of South Africa) to tinted brown, grey, others almost black and yellow, some of the latter being of a pure lemon color. The largest stone found thus far, weighed 6 1-4 carats, this being an absolutely pure pellucid white, free from inclusions, while others weighed 6 carats, several 5, 4 and 3, while the smallest ranged down to 1-64 carat, the general average being about 1 carat.

As to just what commercial value this "field" has, no one whose opinion is of value, will hazard a guess now. It has already, however, caused Dr. Kunz to revise the opinion he expressed in his book on diamonds, published seventeen years ago, as to the probability of these pebbles being ever being an important natural product of this country. The future of this genuine diamond field, which is of the same general quality as the famous "Monsieus" of the Kimberly mines, is now in the hands of the geologists who are operating them.

When a Little Rock Jeweler came to Murfreesboro with samples of the diamonds found in Murfreesboro he was surprised to learn that Dr. Kunz and the other Government men expected to know more about the Arkansas fields than the persons who had found them.

That this "field" of peridotite was not strange to Dr. Kunz is explained by the fact that it was first described as long ago as 1842 by the State Geologist of Arkansas, and was subsequently "mapped" by another geologist in that State's employ. But nothing was ever done to find if the "matrix" stones were in the rock until the chance discovery in the summer of 1906. Diamonds have been found from time to time in this country ever since 1830 on the eastern slopes of the Blue Ridge Mountains, and on the western slopes of the Cascade and Sierra Nevada Ranges, and in Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. It was known that those found on the mountain slopes came from their natural geological abiding place, but the actual source had never been discovered. Those picked up in the Middle West were taken to have been carried there by the flow of the glaciers from Canada in prehistoric times. One curious and practical effect of the finding of this natural bed of peridotite in Arkansas, is the starting out of several exploring parties along the line of the new Canadian railroad, that is to run from Quebec to Winnipeg, to search for the peridotite formations from which these glacier-borne diamonds are found in these States came.

One of the remarkable developments of natural resources of the Oklahoma Territory within the last few years, one will be surprised if diamonds are found there too.

BEHIND THE COUNTER.

Why Woman Are There, Their Trials and Their Compensations.

The term shopgirl is not as harsh as it used to be. It came into use in England. In the United States the requirements of women helpers in business have elevated her to a high standard. Many of these helpers are far beyond the most liberal definition of the English classification.

With us the woman behind the counter is frequently qualified to acquire herself creditably in public society. The fact that she is in business does not necessarily mean that she is there by force of conditions. There is an independence in taking a position which is higher than that often sustained by luxury. The woman who supports herself or her mother or the whole family—and the latter is frequently the case—has already attained an enviable reputation. That the supply of women helpers exceeds the demand is proof of this statement.

Regardless of certain and many variations of weather—indeed, frequently regardless of her own physical condition—she must rise at a stated hour, make specified trains or cars and be at her post at a fixed time.

Regardless of the man on the floor who watches her time, regardless of the shopper who is too often impatient and sometimes unreasonable, the woman behind the counter must wear the pleasant face and have the agreeable manner. Must it be admitted that she is not infrequently the object of envy by one who is in the same business and who may stand beside her all day?

This woman behind the counter must be at her place while many of her sex are still at their toilet. If, indeed, they are not still in their morning slumber. She must see that the articles in her department are in attractive condition before the earliest shopper arrives.

Trying hours await. Up to the brief rest for luncheon she stands, although in many first class concerns this has been helped by arrangements for sitting when there is a lull in business. Besides the long standings, she must exert herself many times during the day by reaching up to shelves for boxes and replacing the same.

When the sale is made her part has not been played. Every article purchased by the shopper must be accurately put on the check. The price must appear, correct as the most minute item in a retail balance sheet, and the



HELPING TO MAKE A PURCHASE. While, where there are more purchases than one, he accurately counted. If change is to come back, she must see that it is exact to a penny, for never is there a shopper who does not watch out for correct change. Of course in this checking business and accurate accounting the woman behind the counter must be quick. Her mental calculations must work on the late trigger plan.

When the shoppers' day is done and she turns her steps homeward, frequently later than she ought, the woman behind the counter is kept an extra half hour or longer in busy shopping seasons rearranging the tumbled heap before her, for the counter must be cleared for tomorrow before she turns her steps homeward.

The duties of the woman behind the counter are not confined to showing and selling goods. The shopper often has no idea of her own as to what she ought to have in trimmings or in certain shades or in quantity, for every shopper is not so fortunate as to have a dressmaker to furnish estimates. If the woman behind the counter cannot assist the shopper in these matters the shopper doesn't understand why, and she does her shopping elsewhere. If the exacting shopper who does this would keep silent and defer to the woman behind the counter, but the shopper in question is so constituted that she cannot leave the house without leaving a complaint. The woman behind the counter is the sufferer.

Any compensation for all this? Yes; the half day off at certain seasons—the holidays, most of them observed in this day; then the anxiously awaited vacation in summer, and sometimes, though not often, a little journey for the house; often an encouraging word from the head for doing a well done.

These trials and the occasional compensations come not only to the woman behind the counter, but to the stenographer and typist, for they are all in the same class. All are breadwinners, and, as said elsewhere, many go into the life because of its independence. SHIRLEY BREESE.

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THE WEATHER

There was a smart rain during last night which spoiled the already thin sleighing.

Today, began cloudy, but the clouds broke away during the forenoon and the sun's warmth helped increase the sloppiness.

At two o'clock the temperature was forty-six degrees above zero.

CITY BRIEFS

Good-bye, 1908.

Good-bye sleighing.

The last day of 1908.

Inauguration day tomorrow.

Get your resolutions ready for use?

A clean slate in police court today.

No work at the navy yard tomorrow.

The old year is going out in great style.

The new bowling alley opens tonight.

It looks like a fight for a new chief engineer.

All eyes will be on city hall tomorrow.

How many diaries have stood the year's strain?

The discharges at the navy yard are much regretted.

The navy yard employees get a holiday with pay tomorrow.

The Screamers at Music Hall tomorrow afternoon and evening.

Have your shoes repaired at John Mott's, 34 Congress street.

The sleighing is off for a while and wheels have the call once more.

The Franklin Pierce Association scored another hit on Wednesday evening.

There was one drunk and three lodgers in the police station at midnight last night.

The river open to Dover and very little ice in Great Bay is something unusual at this time of the year.

There will be a watch night service at the People's church this evening from ten o'clock till midnight.

The Shoemaker is said to be one of the best companies on the road. At Music Hall New Years afternoon and evening.

Make a resolution to loom Portsmouth as a convention city for 1909 and every other way that will benefit the town.

You are sure to find all the live local news of the day in the Herald. Compare it with others and see for yourself.

The Board of Trade and the Merchants Exchange would do well to advertise some of the business prospects of this city.

The Kearsage Engine Company's thirty-third annual ball and the Twenty Century Club banquet are scheduled for this evening.

Many of the Ballads of this country are sending home aid to their fellow-countrymen who have suffered as a result of the earthquake.

The event of the season, the thirty-third annual concert and ball of Kearsage Engine Company at Freeman's Hall, New Year's eve. Ladies free.

The Portsmouth Athletic club will observe the New Year's with their usual celebration on Friday evening. There will be music and lunch and more music.

Charles E. Woods was on a business trip to Dover, Amesbury and Exeter on Monday, covering about one hundred miles in his new car. This makes 2100 miles the car has traveled since Nov. 7th.

The high school graduation class have made a fine sum of money as a result of the benefit on Tuesday evening. It will be used to pay the graduation exercises, which includes the gift to the school, and the reception and ball.

ASSESSOR JUNKINS OF PORTSMOUTH

Makes Practical Suggestions To A Convention Of Assessors

Albert R. Junkins represented the Portsmouth board of assessors at the assessors' conference in Manchester on Wednesday and took part in the proceedings. The principal topic of the day was the recommendation of the state tax commission that money paid to the state treasury through taxes on insurance companies, savings banks and railroads, heretofore distributed to towns and cities shall be used for the general purpose of the state.

The majority present was not in favor of this recommendation, and there was much free discussion and criticism of the commission and its report; several being of the belief that the latter was intended to mislead rather than enlighten the taxpayers of the state.

Mr. Junkins said he had heard much criticism of the plan proposed by the commission, but no suggestions as to how the extra money should be raised.

"Exemption ought not to be encouraged, and the incentive is where the lying comes in," said Mr. Junkins.

In referring to the proposed flat rate for poll taxes, Mr. Junkins pointed out how his city loses through the present system, many of the men at the navy yard getting by without paying the city anything.

"The bills are not made out until April, and collection cannot be completed until the following December. That gives a man time to put a great many miles between himself and Portsmouth. The bills should be collectable when sent out. As for the rate, I think that \$2 would be fair, and the proposed flat rate, with immediate collection, would certainly be a good thing for the cities."

Mr. Davis of Franklin agreed with Mr. Junkins, and said that he would advocate a flat rate of at least \$3, perhaps \$5, collectable when the name is registered on the assessors' books. Mr. Davis suggested that the assessors might be given authority to collect poll taxes.

A large number of others participated in the discussion and showed general approval of the principal involved in Mr. Junkins' idea.

Near the close of the session, on motion of Mr. Junkins, seconded by Mr. Wyatt of Tilton, the proposed act creating a permanent tax commission was approved, but with an amendment by Mr. Bowdoin of Hopkinton that the commission should be elected by the people instead of appointed.

The recommendation relating to taxes on legacies and successions was passed over without discussion.

NEW HAMPSHIRE LODGE I. O. O. F.

Officers Elected At The Annual Meeting Wednesday Night

New Hampshire Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at the annual meeting on Wednesday night elected:

Noble Grand, George H. Joy.
 Vice Grand, James C. Lydston.
 Recording Secretary, Stanton M. Trueman.

Financial Secretary, Warrington Moulton.

Treasurer, Sydney S. Trueman.

Trustees, George H. Joy, Edwin Underhill, Edwin Griffin.

Hall committee, Edwin Underhill.

The installation will take place on Jan. 13.

THE NAVY YARDS HERE AND AWAY

A Big Discharge and Furlough

Twenty-two helpers, seven shipfitters, two painters and sheersmen and one boiler on were discharged from the on-board shipfitters' crew today, beside a big furlough without pay for sixteen other mechanics in the construction and repair department.

John Has a Hello Machine

A telephone has been installed for the use of the yard officers and watchmen at the ferry landing at the foot of Daniel street.

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EIGHTY-EIGHT YEARS OLD

A Former Portsmouth Citizen Celebrates an Anniversary

James Elwell, one of the oldest voters in South Berwick, Me., observed his eighty-eighth birthday on Tuesday at the home of his son, Frank Elwell, on Portland street. He was the son of Joseph and Petula (Allen) Elwell. He attended school in Wells until he was eighteen years of age when he began to learn the blacksmith trade with William Tobey. After working in Wells about a year with Mr. Tobey, he came with him to Portsmouth where they began business. In 1839 he went to South Berwick and worked for Deacon Humphrey Barker who lived in the old Colburn House, one of the oldest in the town. After two years in his employment he labored at the landing for the Portsmouth Company for twenty years.

Early in the 60's his wife, Mrs. Sarah (Barber) Elwell, whom he married in 1813, passed away to her heavenly resting place, and he was left with a large family of children. He died farming at Emery Bridge for three or four years, but afterwards returned to his trade, being employed in the machine shop in the Salmon Falls Manufacturing Company.

The past few years he has not been able to do much work although in the summer time he takes much pride in taking care of a garden, raising vegetables, etc. He remarked a short time ago that if his legs were as good as his arms he could go out and do a good day's work now. He has a good appetite, sleeps as well as he ever did and his memory is especially keen as he can recall things back seventy or eighty years.

He is very interesting to talk with and his stories of three-quarters of a century back are such as to hold your closest attention.

He has six children, Washington, Watson, Olive, Fannie, Charles and Frank.

PERSONALS

Sperdy H. Locke spent Wednesday in Concord.

Forrest Owne of Concord is visiting his Portsmouth relatives.

Miss Mary Wholly and Miss Mary Meahan are visiting in Boston.

Mrs. Edith Howard of Boston is the guest of friends in this city, her former home.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace P. Montgomery are on two weeks' visit to Orléans, O.

Miss Louise Penhallow of Boston, well known here, was among the New Englanders who are thought to be in the quake region.

Miss Margaret Bowman of Lynn who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Kivian for several days returned home today.

George Anderson, baker at the store of R. A. Welch, left for his home at Whitingsville, Mass., today where he will remain until Sunday.

Nathan Telegrapher, Gen. Charles S. Collins is improving slowly but gradually each day. He is not yet, however, able to sit up. He will not be able to attend the early session of the legislature in fact he is able to attend at any time before final adjournment.

DANIEL PHILBRICK

Central Cemetery

The funeral of Daniel Philbrick of Rye was held at two o'clock this afternoon in O. W. Lane's chapel. Rev. Irving F. Barnes conducted the service.

The burial will be in Rye Central cemetery late today.

Mr. Philbrick died in Concord at the age of fifty-seven.

A. S. L. CARS TO CHANGE TRACKS

New Regulation With New Year At Badger's Island

The wrong car will get you if you don't watch out tomorrow at the Kittery ferry terminal of the Atlantic Shore Line electric railway.

When the railroad was first built to Kittery the cars came to the terminal on a straight track. Later a siding was added to the east of the main track. With the establishment of the line to Ellor and Dover the siding became the terminal of the cars from that division. Under that arrangement the cars for the west have been on the east track and the cars for the east have been on the west track at the terminal.

New Year's day is to see this arrangement changed. The cars from Dover and Ellor will have the west track and those from York and Kittery will take the east track.

The old arrangement has become a matter of habit with the people and the street railroad men expect to be busy at seeing that people take the right car.

THE WATER WAGON

Will Have Many Passengers When the New Year Comes In

The water wagon starts at midnight for the year of 1909. It is understood as usual that the driver will have a big load for his first trip and expects to pick up several on the way who intend to be partners of the vehicle for a year.

The passengers on the car are more numerous than in previous years and a majority of them claim they will be the members. However, there is expected to be a few hard falls, bumps and descents but the driver will have every medical assistance needed for his guests and hopes he can patch up the lofty tumblers in order that his wagon will continue to be a drawing card for the cold winter months.

RESERVED SEATS

For Iowa—Haverhill basketball game next Wednesday evening will go on sale Saturday at 12.30 p. m. at Philbrick's pharmacy. Plant room in balcony reserved seats. Reserved seats 25 cents.

The Group:

Haverhill: Sam Follanshee, Bob Follanshee, Barryclough, Aldrich, Marshall.

ICNAS: Jim Tredick, Newick, Chase, Pilgrim, Jameson.

Dancing after game.

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